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<b>PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:</b>	<b>Board of Examiners in Optometry</b>
<b>MEETING DATE AND TIME:</b>	<b>Wednesday, July 24, 2013 at 4:30 p.m.</b>
<b>PLACE:</b>	<b>861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware Conference Room A, Cannon Building</b>
<b>MINUTES APPROVED:</b>	<b>December 18, 2013</b>

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dr. Joseph Senall, Professional Member, President  
Dr. Jeffrey Hilovsky, Professional Member, Secretary  
Dr. Bryan Sterling, Professional Member  
Pramela, D. Kaza, Public Member  
Diane Madex, Public Member

**DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT**

Jennifer Singh, Deputy Attorney General  
Sandra Wagner, Administrative Specialist III  
Lisa Smith, Administrative Specialist II

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

None

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Cheryl Heiks  
Dr. Paul Mitchell  
Dr. Michele Haranin  
Deborah Hamilton

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Senall called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

## **REVIEW OF MINUTES**

The Board reviewed the minutes of the April 29, 2013 meeting. Dr. Hilvosky made a motion, seconded by Dr. Sterling, to approve the minutes as presented. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Review of Continuing Education Request  
None

Presentation: Updating Optometry Scope of Practice

Deborah Hamilton introduced Dr. Michele Haranin and Dr. Paul Mitchell and explained what the Delaware Optometric Association is trying to accomplish before the next Legislative Session in early 2014. A PowerPoint Presentation was given by Michele and Paul of the Delaware Optometric Association. The presentation covered how much technology and innovation has changed the scope and delivery of medical care. Optometry is no exception. The current Optometry Statute has not been revised to reflect those changes in technology and innovation for 20 years. (Title 24, Chapter 24) was last updated in 1994. Michele and Paul both spoke of how the current statutes as written, places limitations on the scope of practice optometrists are able to deliver to their patients. We can all agree that medical care has evolved over the last 20 years while the “narrowness” of the current language in the statute remains inflexible.

Examples included:

1. Outdated/Specific Formulary of Medications
2. Unable to prescribe narcotic pain medication to help with the healing process.
3. Optometrists are trained to do a number of minor surgeries, but with the current statute they are not able to perform any of them.

The Optometric Association has noted that they have draft legislation but before they present it they want to make certain that any changes made to the statute will accommodate newer technologies and newer diagnostic testing.

There was a question and answer session mainly between Dr. Hilvosky, Diane Maddex, Dr. Senall and Michele Haranin.

Immediately following that, Deborah Hamilton took the floor and invited the Board members and Board Liaisons' to visit Pennsylvania College of Optometry. This visit will demonstrate in person the advances and capabilities optometrists are trained to perform to help meet the eye care needs of the citizens of Delaware now and in the future.

Review of Applications for Internship

The Board reviewed the applications from Dr. Alana Bruner for internship. Dr. Senall made a motion, seconded by Dr. Sterling, to approve Dr. Bruner, to begin her 6-month internship. By a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (FOR DISCUSSION ONLY)**

No other business was put before the Board.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment at the July meeting.

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 18, 2013 at 4:30 p.m. in Conference Room A, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Ms. Kaza made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hilovsky, to adjourn the meeting. By unanimous vote, the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:27p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sandra Wagner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sandra Wagner  
Administrative Specialist III

*The notes of this meeting are not intended to be a verbatim record of the topics that were presented or discussed. They are for the use of the Board members and the public in supplementing their personal notes and recall for presentations.*